



TIMBER COMMUNITIES AUSTRALIA

'Ensuring your voice is heard'

Young Community Ambassadors Initiative 2016 Information Pack

Timber Communities Australia (TCA) is the premier national community voice on matters relevant to native forest and hardwood and softwood plantation sectors in Australia.

We are proud to present a fantastic opportunity to get in on the ground floor of this brand new initiative. This is a concentrated upskilling program, making your time commitment manageable. In two group gatherings to be held in Canberra in June and in spring 2016. Participants will learn new skills, gain knowledge, make new friends and have experiences that are certain to expand their horizons.

Spaces are limited with a maximum of just six places.

Applicants and Sponsoring Partners

Expressions of Interest are sought from both potential participants and potential Sponsoring Partners.

Applicants - the initiative is aimed at the under 35's. If you are keen to raise awareness about this fantastic industry and the role it plays in society, then get in quickly. You may be associated in any segment of the forestry and wood products pipeline, from the forests right through to architects and beyond.

Sponsoring Partners – your support will be invaluable.

Learning Elements

Learning elements will be delivered in Canberra in two separate sets. The learning elements are varied yet are purposely concentrated so as to limit your time away from other commitments.

There is a day of round table learning sessions with industry experts sharing their insights; attendance at a stimulating industry “pre-election dinner and debate” being run by the Australian Forest Products Association; professional media training including practice interviews to consolidate learning; six months mentoring (online and/or phone) to support you in undertaking your chosen local industry community engagement activities; a day at Parliament House meeting with your local Federal Member of Parliament to discuss local issues gathered from your program work. Finally, you may join in a group presentation at the end of the program.

Key information

- Two sets of group activities will be held. The tentative dates are: - for three days and three nights in Canberra between 30th May to 3rd June 2016 and for one day and one night in September or October 2016.
- All shortlisted candidates will be required to have a phone interview at a date and time to be set.

(More details overleaf)



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- Participants must be willing to engage with their local community/ies.
- Six months mentoring guidance will be available for community engagement.
- The number of places offered will depend on Sponsor Partner funds being secured by TCA.
- The cost of all compulsory parts of the program will be covered by sponsorship, including airfares (capped at \$1,000 per return trip), meals and accommodation.

Costs

\$5,500 (inc gst) – each place is made possible thanks to the support of a sponsor in partnership with TCA.

The cost of all the compulsory elements of the program will be covered by the sponsor partnerships. This includes travel (which is capped at \$1,000 per return flight to Canberra), accommodation and meals while in Canberra, the industry dinner plus daytime venue hire and catering. Please note that items of a personal nature or additional costs for activities outside the program will be at participants own expense.

How To Apply

Please return your Expression of Interest form (download from www.tca.org.au) by Mon 2 May 2016. You will need to supply two referees and make a statement about why you are interested.

Phone interviews will be held for shortlisted candidates. Offers of places will be made as soon as possible.

About TCA

The mission of Timber Communities Australia is to represent and act in the best interest of all communities associated with the forest and timber sectors in Australia; and to foster a healthy and sustainable future for those communities and their associated forests.

It's a pleasure for TCA to offer this new initiative. We are confident that it will be a positive experience for all involved and will deliver ongoing benefits.

Queries ... please don't hesitate to contact us with any queries.

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